King County	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention Adult Divisions General Policy Manual	
	Chapter 4 **Security & Use of Force**	
4.04.004, Compelled Court Appearances	Approved By:	Director John Diaz
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Purpose
To establish procedures for enforcing court orders compelling defendants to attend court hearings.

Policy
It is the policy of this department to comply with court orders compelling defendants to attend court hearings by using only the amount of force necessary to carry out the order.

References
Department policies: 4.03.008, Restraint Chair
4.03.009, Restraints
4.03.014, Use of Force
Department forms: Supervisor Incident Report (F-523)

Definitions
Court Order: An official written order of a court, signed by a judge or commissioner.

A. General Guidelines
Department staff shall not use force upon an inmate to compel an appearance in court, unless specifically ordered to do so by the court.

B. Procedure
1. Once a Court Order to use force to bring a defendant to court has been received, court detail officers shall:
   a. Inform the unit officer they are in route to take the refusing inmate to court.
   b. If not already done, assist the unit officer in securing the remaining inmates.
   c. Explain the court order to the inmate and that force will be used if they do not voluntarily comply.
   d. If not already present, contact a court detail sergeant and request they respond to the unit. If the court detail sergeant is unavailable, they shall notify the sergeant supervising the inmate's housing location to respond.
   e. Contact Jail Health Services for medical contraindications prior to an anticipated use of force.

f. If force is used, notify Jail Health Services immediately if injuries are sustained or if the inmate complains of injury.

2. The unit officer shall:
   a. Explain to the inmate the appearance in court is mandatory.
   b. When possible, secure the inmate in their assigned cell if still refusing to go to court. Secure other inmates in their assigned cells or other secure location, once notified court detail is responding to the unit to enforce the order.
   c. Make an entry in the unit JMS shift log.
3. The court detail sergeant shall:
   a. Coordinate the inmate's movement to the court appearance.
   b. Ensure that the court order has been explained to the inmate and that force will be used if they do not voluntarily comply.
   c. Consult the shift commander about the anticipated use of force.
   d. Ensure that Jail Health Services has been contacted for any medical contraindications prior to using force.
   e. Organize the use of force compelling the inmate's movement to court following department policy 4.03.014, Use of Force.
   f. Determine if the inmate's behavior requires transfer to another more secure housing unit.
   g. Direct involved staff to complete necessary documentation, and forward with the Supervisor Incident Report (F-523) to the shift commander.
   h. If the court detail sergeant believes that security concerns may warrant the use of restraints during the court hearing, the restraints will be used following policy 4.03.09, Restraints.